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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Stefanik

Group Art Unit: 2632

Examiner: Previl, D.

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REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE WITH  
ILLUMINATION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

January 30, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001, Applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentably obvious in view of U.S. Patent 5,648,757 to Vernace et al. Applicant traverses the rejections as follows.

The Vernace patent is directed to a combination holder and detection device for a remote control unit. The holder/detection device consists of two pieces: an upper portion is placed along the top surface of a conventional remote control unit and a lower portion is positioned at the lower side of the remote control unit. The upper and lower portions are coupled together to